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Subject: FW: Donlin Gold Project HIA released to cooperating agencies

Hi Teena,

Would it be worthwhile for EPA senior management to have a discussion with senior management at the State regarding the HIA development process for NEPA projects in Alaska?

Thanks

Mark

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Hi Teena,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the HIA. The HIA is a standalone document produced by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (AK DHSS). Your request puts us in a challenging position if we are perceived as interfering with a state health department's work without their request or knowledge. Other programs at AK DHSS receive funding from CDC/ATSDR; however, the HIA program does not.

The good news is that you have provided us an opportunity to interact with AK DHSS HIA team to better understand the process of how the HIA was developed. It is our understanding that prior to release, AK DHSS sought input from other state agencies as well as input from Native Alaskans, including the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. AK DHSS continues to work with the Donlin mine stakeholders (including EPA) and other communities on improving the overall process of linking HIAs to EIS projects in the future. In our discussion, we did discuss the potential for ATSDR (or other center at CDC) to provide input before release in the future, if the AK DHSS felt it would further protect public health.

ATSDR provided comments on the public health section of the Army Corps of Engineers' EIS that we did a while back, which was the most opportune time to analyze potential health impacts in the EIS process. In addition, the public health section of the EIS and this HIA are fairly consistent. So, in the interest of protecting the relationship with have with the state, we will decline providing EPA with detailed comments on the AK DHSS HIA other than to say we support the work that AK DHSS has done. Should other comments that EPA receives result in a reassessment of the state's HIA by AK DHSS, and if they ask for our input, we will certainly weigh in.

This is not to say that we undervalue the health impact portion of the EIS step in the process of NEPA. Should you need assistance in the future with a review of an EIS evaluation of public health impacts, contact me.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I encourage Lon to review the HIA and provide any comments that he believes may further protect public health.

Regards,
Rhonda

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Hello Lon and Rhonda,
The Corps released the Feb 2016 draft HIA to the cooperating agencies last week. We would very much appreciate your expert opinions on the document (attached). While there is no specific due date for the review, we want our comments to be early enough to influence the final EIS. Is 30 days feasible?
Thank you for your help.

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Hi Teena,

Here it is attached.

Thanks

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Yes, I can make that request, both to Lon and to ATSDR. Do you have an electronic version of the document?

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Hi Teena,

The Corps released the Draft HIA for the Donlin Gold Project (Feb 2016) to the Cooperating Agencies. The Corps requested that this document remain within the cooperating agencies.

The document is over 200 pages. Is this something we can request Lon K. to review and comment? It would be great if we can have ATSDR conduct a detailed review as well.

We should get comments to the Corps for inclusion in the Donlin Gold FEIS.

Thanks

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